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Dear Mr. Trudeau:

Last week the enclosed cartoon appeared in the Washington Post. A trifle overstating the situation, of course, but it's the funny papers, isn't it? (My job would be a lot easier if it were anywhere near true, too.)

Although this Foreign-Domestic ratio has been so overdone that it's become essentially a cliché, it's a cliché I'm not totally unaware of. I have a few very good original political cartoons (Oliphant, etc.) and a few political comment funnies strips, a Pogo, a Broom Hilda, and an Interlandi on my wall here. On the assumption that this is about as well as we're going to make out with you on the subject matter over the years, may I ask for the original to hang where my Domestic Affairs colleagues can see it as they come and go?

My only regret is that B. D. himself does not appear. With him I empathize.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: "Domestic Affairs 4-4:15? That's it!"